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Dear Willie

I suppose if I am to write you a letter at all before you start for home, I must be about it! I do not suppose it is possible to think of anything to say to you that has not been said by either Mama or Cousin Lu, for I believe they write you about every other day. I suppose they tell you all about home matters - University matters - &c.

I have had the satisfaction of hearing nearly or quite all your letters read, & have been much interested in them.

After all your doubts as to whether you would go to Portland at all, you have made your longest stay there of any other place. I remember your outburst of satisfaction when you read Aunt Carrie's cordial invitation. I noticed your quotation from Scripture (I suppose from the original Greek or Hebrew) "Sing unto Jerusalem that her warfare is accomplished - that her battle is ended"! Please see Isa' 40th 3rd.

I believe the Regents & Faculty at Berkeley still hold out against the scamps that were expelled, unless as they one by one clear themselves. you are aware also that

They have put down their foot upon secret societies.

I understand that Willie Gill made his peace & is in his place again.

Of course you heard that Ed. Sanford is fully installed in the University. I was provoked when they decided that he must work in drug store and keep up his studies at same time. But I said at first, that they would give it up & put him in in a short time. I thought I knew much & well enough to rest assured that his sensitiveness to public opinion, & remark, would do more for Ed. than any sense of right would do. So when Prof. Kellogg remonstrated, & when to this McCheston was added, Sanford concluded "after all Ed. better go entire".

Charlie is having all he can do in writing for one & another of the journals. What do you think of his writing leading financial editorials for "the Commercial Herald"? He is this week at Sac' at State fair reporting to the Bulletin

I am truly glad that you have had upon the whole so pleasant a time as you have so far had, & that your health has been good. "The lines ~~have~~ ^{are} fallen to you in pleasant places"

You cannot of course see all that you wd like to see, but you will see & learn enough to be of lasting interest to you. I hope you may visit Niagara at least. I believe it is now quite certain that Cousin Lu will not meet you on that side, so I presume you will arrange to return early in October. Trusting that you may be safely returned to us in due time, I remain your loving Papa.